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Wascana Centre Authority

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1998-99

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Chairman's Message

Wascana Centre is a unique place and plays a unique role in Saskatchewan and in Regina. It is unique because it is the seat of the provincial government and all the important symbolism associated with that designation.

The Wascana Centre partnership involving the Province of Saskatchewan, the City of Regina, and the University of Regina encompasses a remarkable provincial showcase, including the majestic Legislative Building, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts, the Saskatchewan Science Centre and Kramer IMAX, the T.C. Douglas Building, the MacKenzie Art Gallery and the Diefenbaker Homestead. Wascana Lake itself is the centrepiece of Canada's largest urban park.

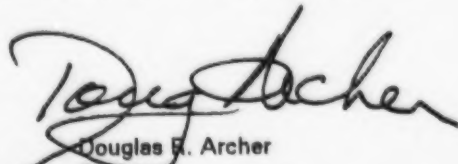
Wascana Centre Authority is responsible for the ongoing development and management of a significant element of Saskatchewan's heritage. The Master Plan guiding long-term development has been reviewed and updated. Work is well under way on two projects in the new Research & Development Park at the University of Regina with great expectations for ongoing development. Work continues to establish reserve status for land on which the new Saskatchewan Indian Federated College will be located.

Consultants have been engaged to develop an implementation plan to deepen Wascana Lake. A man-made feature, Wascana Lake has experienced gradual siltation since it was dug out in the 1930's as a federal-provincial work project. As the lake grows shallower, weed growth is enhanced and recreation opportunities become more limited. Swimming and sailing, once popular pastimes, have ceased. The consultants' report is under final review and will be released in the next few months.

The new location for the Regina campus of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology adjacent to the University of Regina will provide an exceptional opportunity to integrate post-secondary educational opportunities in Regina. This will create many pressures and opportunities for Wascana Centre as the combined campuses host in excess of 24,000 students.

Work continues on the recommendations of the Gillmore Report. The future points toward significant restructuring and renewal for Wascana Centre as it seeks to fulfill its unique role and mandate in the new millennium.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks to my colleagues who serve as members of the Authority and also to our very dedicated staff. During this last year, Wascana Centre has continued to benefit from a wonderful tradition of caring and commitment for our very special partnership. We look forward to the year 2000 with a sense of optimism for the future of the Centre and its role in the City and the Province.



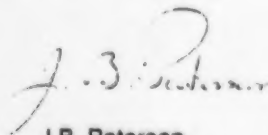
Douglas B. Archer
Chairman

Executive Director's Message

As the world approaches the new millennium there is a sense of renewal; a new beginning. The same is evident in Wascana Centre. The participating parties (Government of Saskatchewan, City of Regina and University of Regina) have responded to this sense of the millennium through strategic planning sessions and reviews of partnership commitment. The results of these initiatives will set the course for the Authority in the new century.

The future of Wascana Lake continued to be the primary focus of Authority initiatives in 1998-99. This was evidenced by the announcement of the Authority's intent to engage consultants to provide an implementation plan for the deepening of Wascana Lake.

Wascana Centre continues to be highly utilized by the general public for sports, recreation, entertainment and culture. The number of public events continues to grow and become more diverse. The challenge is to now adequately accommodate all of the users of Wascana Centre in the future.



J.B. Paterson
Executive Director

Purpose and Governance

Wascana Centre Authority was established in 1962 by *The Wascana Centre Act*. This Act united the Government of Saskatchewan, the City of Regina and the University of Regina (the participating parties) into a governing partnership for Wascana Centre known as Wascana Centre Authority. Eleven members form the Authority, five appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan, three appointed by the City of Regina and three appointed by the University of Regina. The Authority ensures that all development within Wascana Centre is consistent with one of the following five purposes:

- the development of the seat of government
- the enlargement of educational opportunities
- the advancement of the cultural arts
- the improvement of recreational facilities
- the conservation of the environment

Authority Members

By practice, the chairmanship of the Authority rotates every two years among the three participating parties. Members of the Authority during 1998-99 were as follows:

Appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan

- Honourable J. Crofford - to September 21, 1998, Vice Chairman
- Honourable D. Hamilton - from September 21, 1998, Vice Chairman as of October 15, 1998
- Mr. G. Kraus - to June 30, 1998
- Mr. R. Pattison
- Ms. D. Redmond-Bradley - to December 31, 1998
- Mr. W. Smishek
- Ms. A. Hynd - from March 31, 1999
- Ms. N. Barker - from March 31, 1999

Appointed by the City of Regina

- His Worship Mayor D. Archer - Chairman
- Councillor M. Badham
- Councillor B. Hutchinson

Appointed by the University of Regina

- Dr. D. Wells - to June 23, 1998, Treasurer
- Dr. D. Barnard - from June 23, 1998, Treasurer effective September 29, 1998
- Mr. D. Bamford
- Mr. K. McMillan - to April 28, 1998
- Mr. D. Button - from April 28, 1998

Mr. R. Van Beselaere acted as the Authority's solicitor during the year, Mr. J.B. Paterson was Executive Director and Secretary, Mr. D.J. Pho was Director of Administrative Services and Mr. C.K. Dockham was Director of Operations.

Government of Saskatchewan



Honourable D. Hamilton



Honourable J. Crofford



Ms. N. Barker



Ms. A. Hynd



Mr. G. Kraus



Mr. R. Pattison



Ms. D. Redmond-Bradley



Mr. W. Smishek

City of Regina

Mayor D. Archer



Councillor M. Badham



Councillor B. Hutchinson

University of Regina

Dr. D. Wells



Dr. D. Barnard



Mr. D. Bamford



Mr. D. Button



Mr. K. McMillan

Advisory Committees

The Authority's task of reviewing and approving activities in the Centre is supported by a number of advisors and advisory committees who review submissions and provide advice and recommendations directly to the Authority and to the Authority's staff as required. The advisors and advisory committees are either statutory or appointed by the Authority ensuring that proposals for development in the Centre receive a thorough review from a variety of perspectives.

Architect Planner

Section 70 of *The Wascana Centre Act* requires the Authority to "appoint an architect, landscape architect or a community planner, or a firm consisting of or including any number of those persons, to be Architect Planner." The Architect Planner must review the Master Plan and provide advice to the Authority on amendments to the Master Plan and general planning issues. Mr. R. du Toit of the firm du Toit Allsopp Hillier, Toronto, Ontario, has been the Authority's Architect Planner since 1979.

Landscape Adviser

Section 13 of *The Wascana Centre Act* requires the Authority to appoint "an adviser to be known as the Landscape Adviser, who shall be a landscape architect or a landscape planner." *The Act* requires the Landscape Adviser to review all proposals for landscape construction in the Centre. Mr. H. Knowles has been the Authority's Landscape Adviser since 1976. During 1998-99, Mr. Knowles reviewed two proposals and provided informal advice to the Authority's staff.

Architectural Advisory Committee

Section 13 of *The Wascana Centre Act* requires the Authority to appoint "an advisory committee to be known as the Architectural Advisory Committee consisting of two or more persons, each of whom shall, subject to subsection (2) be an architect, a landscape architect or a community planner." This committee reviews development proposals for their architectural merit. The committee reviewed three proposals during the year.

Members

- Mr. R. du Toit - Chair and Architect Planner
- Mr. H. Knowles - Landscape Adviser
- Mr. G. da Roza
- Mr. R. Henriquez - to November 9, 1998

Engineering Advisory Committee

Section 14 of *The Wascana Centre Act* states: "Each participating party shall appoint a professional engineer, as defined in *The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*, to be its representative on an advisory committee to be known as the Engineering Advisory Committee." This committee met eight times during the year to consider and make recommendations on 20 proposals. The committee also met jointly with the Architectural Advisory Committee three times to consider six proposals.

Members

Appointed by the University of Regina

- Mr. D. Button - to April 28, 1998
- Mr. V. Rogne - from April 28, 1998

Appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan

- Mr. Eldor Schmidt - Chair

Appointed by the City of Regina

- Mr. D. Calam

Gillmore Review Committee

This committee was established to consider the findings of the Gillmore Report and to provide a position to and through the Authority to the participating parties on the recommendations of the report.

Members

- Mr. G. Kraus - Chair to June 30, 1998
- Councillor M. Badham
- Mr. K. McMillan - to April 28, 1998
- Mr. W. Smishek
- Mr. D. Bamford - from May 21, 1998

Executive Committee

This committee is established by the Authority and is constituted from its own members. It reviews and provides advice on matters related to issues of the partnership and personnel and in some cases is delegated the right of action.

Members

- Dr. D. Wells - Chair to June 23, 1998
- The Honourable J. Crofford - to September 21, 1998
- His Worship Mayor D. Archer
- The Honourable D. Hamilton - from October 15, 1998
- Dr. D. Barnard - Chair from September 29, 1998

Fine Arts Advisory Committee

The Authority has established a Fine Arts Advisory Committee to review submissions and provide advice on proposals which contain a fine arts component. The committee did not meet during the year.

Members

- Professor K. Lochhead - Chairman
- Mr. V. Cicansky
- Mrs. J. DeLage
- Dr. F. Nulf - to November 20, 1998

Heritage Property Advisory Committee

All matters concerning heritage in the Centre are reviewed by this committee. It provides advice and recommendations to the Authority concerning the assessment, demolition, removal or alteration of properties within the Centre which have heritage significance.

Members

Appointed by the City of Regina

- Dr. J. Brennan - Chairman

Appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan

- Vacant

Appointed by the University of Regina

- Dr. R. Robinson

Appointed by Wascana Centre Authority

- Ms. A. Campbell
- Mr. B. Saunders

Finance and Audit Committee

This committee is composed of three Authority members, all of whom are not officers of the Authority. Members are appointed by the Authority and represent each participating party. The committee has the authority to investigate any activity relating to the financial affairs of the Authority. The committee may retain persons having special expertise to assist it in fulfilling its responsibilities.

Members

- Mr. G. Kraus - Chair to June 30, 1998
- Councillor M. Badham
- Mr. D. Bamford

Public Relations Committee

This committee was formed in 1998 in response to a recommendation from the Gillmore Report for increased emphasis on Public Relations. The committee reviews public relations policy and strategy and provides advice and recommendations to the Authority.

Members

Appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan

- Mrs. D. Redmond-Bradley - to December 31, 1998

Appointed by the City of Regina

- Councillor Bill Hutchinson

Appointed by the University of Regina

- Mr. Dave Button - from May 1, 1998
- Mr. K. McMillan - to April 28, 1998

Representing SGEU

- Carl Veistrup - from June 18, 1998

Master Plan Review Committee

A committee of Authority members was established to undertake the review of the Master Plan from inception to its anticipated completion in 1999.

Members

- Mr. D. Bamford - Chair, representing the University of Regina
- Honourable D. Hamilton - representing the Government of Saskatchewan
- Councillor M. Badham - representing the City of Regina.

1998-99 in Review

Human Resources

(Irene Pisula - Personnel & Public Relations Officer)

Staffing Levels:

Staffing levels remained constant at 48 year-round employees of which 9 were out-of-scope and 39 were in-scope. The first seasonal recall occurred on April 19 when nine employees returned to work. Additional seasonal employees supplemented the workforce throughout the summer. The peak seasonal staff complement was 79 Groundskeepers, 2 Field Surveyors, 1 Naturalist, 1 Police Constable, 4 Pesticide Applicators and 4 Guides. The first seasonal layoff occurred on September 4 and the last layoff of eight employees occurred on October 24. The seasonal labour budget was enhanced by \$5,062 from a Federal Employment Education and Training grant, and by \$8,064 from a Provincial Employment grant aimed at Summer Careers

Service Recognition:

Long service employees recognized:

25 years	Mr. K. Dockham
	Mr. D. Pho
	Mr. B. Rasmussen
20 years	Mr. B. Ewart
	Mr. N. Henderson
	Ms. I. Pisula
	Ms. S. Young
15 years	Mr. D. Cameron
	Mr. D. Hartviksen
	Mr. B. Frisko
	Mr. D. Letourneau
	Mr. D. Moore
	Mr. G. Walton
10 years	Mr. A. Bennefeld
	Mr. P. Kletzel

Maintenance

(Larry Clay - Superintendent of Maintenance)

The maintenance section experienced a normal year during 1998-99. There were no significant operational procedural changes but available manpower was deployed differently. For example, more time was spent on work associated with Special Events. This park usage is welcome but unfortunately some of our more popular use areas are becoming rutted and thread bare. Some reconstruction monies will be needed in the future.

The new staff training program was expanded. It is considered to be effective based upon comments from new employees and field staff. Several new equipment training sessions were held as well as upgrading clinics.

Eighty acres of the lower pond of Wascana Lake were harvested. Weed growth was later and thinner than normal at the first cutting. Weed growth conditions during the second mowing were heavy & dense.

Equipment replacement expenditures totalled \$362,000; \$180,000 more than former years. In addition to acquiring numerous small pieces of machinery the following large equipment was purchased:

- 2 - ½ ton trucks
- 1 - 1/4 ton truck
- 2 - 4 x 4 utility tractors
- 1 - 4 x 4 tractor with snowblower
- 1 - loader tractor
- 1 - Gravelly tractor with mower & broom attachment
- 1 - Floor hoist for Mechanic Shop



(Aquatic Weed Harvester)

The maintenance department certainly welcomed this new equipment.



(Custom Built Goose Dropping Remover)

The past warm winter was detrimental to the cross country ski trail program. Draining the lake did not impact the lake skating program as much as 1997-98. Actually the skating season was longer.

The Authority's snow removal program had a good season with relatively few major mechanical breakdowns but the deteriorating condition of roadways and parking lots is slowing up our ability to clear them quickly and safely. One worker was off work for an extended time due to an injury caused by poor road conditions.

Forestry

(D'Arcy Schenk - Forestry & Horticulture Supervisor)

Tree Care Maintenance:

The forestry section concentrated its efforts in 1998/99 on a rigorous tree care program. The aerial and ground crews pruned trees throughout Wascana Centre. All tree branches except for American or Siberian elm were chipped and reused as mulch on pathways and in tree and shrub beds.

As Wascana Lake was lowered and the weather cooperated the forestry crew pruned trees including willows along the lake edge from Old Broad Street bridge abutment to Avenue B. Pruning throughout the year was concentrated in the Legislative area, Lakeshore Park, Wascana Park, Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts and Douglas Park.

The forestry crew, along with Grade 6 students from Douglas Park School, were involved in the collection of maple sap collected from 50 Manitoba Maple trees. 140 litres of sap were collected over a two-week time period.



(Ground Pruning)

The ground crew was involved in mulching tree and shrub beds including mulching, fertilizing and aerating the Linden trees in front of Wascana Place. These trees are suffering under incredible compaction problems so the grass was removed and mulching and aeration is being tried to relieve the problem. Several years of tree care are needed to reverse the tree decline.



(Aerial Pruning)



(Tree Climbing)

Tree Planting:

New projects concentrated on planting at the Legislative Mall, Wascana Marina, Wascana Park flowerbeds, Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Bike Path (University Drive North to the Bypass) and University of Regina projects at Lots 8,9,& 10, Education Building (S.E.), Arbor Day - Lot 15, and the University of Regina Electrical Substation project. A total of 1,226 trees and shrubs were planted representing 43 species. The most common species planted are as follows:

1. Colorado Spruce = 271
2. Red Dogwood = 116
3. American Bittersweet = 112
4. Walker Poplar = 100
5. Buffalo Berry = 69
6. Dolgo Crab = 62
7. Virginia Creeper = 54
8. Green Ash = 45
9. Little-leaf Linden = 38
10. Scot's Pine = 35

YEARLY COMPARISONS

1995 = 1911 pieces planted
 1996 = 1124 pieces planted
 1997 = 1205 pieces planted
 1998 = 1226 pieces planted

There were 1,008 pieces planted in the spring of 1998 and 218 pieces planted in the fall. The lower number planted in the fall was due to fall rains and an early winter. The tree and shrub planting breakdown is as follows:

1. Hand Planted pieces = 629
2. 44" Tree Spade pieces = 457
3. 60" & 84" Tree Spade pieces = 140



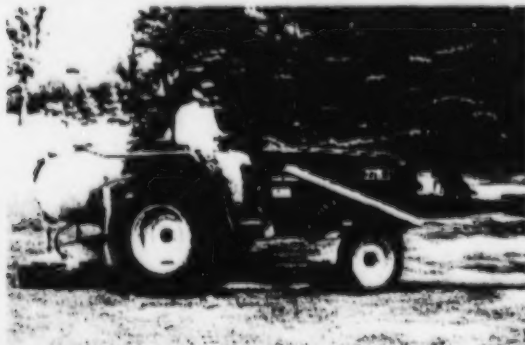
(Tree Planting)

Pest Management

(D'Ann Schenk - Coordinator - Horticulture Supervisor)

The basal spraying program with Dursban began on September 9 and finished on October 16, 1998. The two insects that are being controlled are the native elm bark beetle and the western ash bark beetle. Both bark beetles over-winter at the base of the tree and the pesticide controls the adult beetles as they enter or exit the tree trunk. The elm and ash trees were in the Legislative area, Goosehill Park, Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts area, Family Amusement Park, Douglas Park and areas between Wascana Marina and the CNIB.

The cankerworm populations exploded in the spring of 1998. Our monitoring program showed that there were high adult counts in the fall of 1997 and in the early spring of 1998. The larval numbers were high throughout Wascana Centre with the highest levels being in Wascana Park, Legislative area, Goosehill Park and Douglas Park.



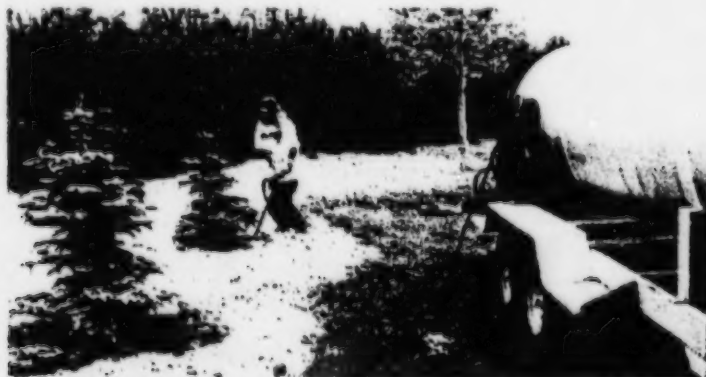
(Herbicide Spraying)

Herbicide spraying to control annual and perennial weeds went on throughout Wascana Centre. Roundup spraying concentrated in aggregate areas, parking lots, tree and shrub beds and curbs along roadways. Roundup spot spraying was also used in areas west of the bypass in the native habitat area to control purple loosestrife.

The mosquito counts were low this year, necessitating less application of the larvicide vectobac. Spot applications were all that was necessary in this fiscal year.

A vigilant monitoring program for Dutch Elm Disease went on throughout the summer of 1998. Samples that exhibited signs of Dutch Elm Disease were sent to the Provincial Lab. All samples tested negative.

The yearly spraying for bronze birch borer in Paper Birch trees went on throughout Wascana Centre. This insect multiplies by mining just below the tree bark, thus girdling the tree. Many of the birch in the Centre have already been attacked by this insect and have been removed.



(Tree Watering Program - notice also the mulched tree & shrub beds)

Horticulture

(D'Arcy Schenk - Forestry & Horticulture Supervisor)

Greenhouse:

The greenhouse operation includes growing tropical plants for interior building landscapes and annual and perennial plants for outdoor landscapes.

During the 1998/99 fiscal year the greenhouse grew some of the following pot crops:

- Pot Mums
- Cut Mums
- Hydrangeas
- Azaleas
- Cyclamen
- Phalanopsis and other species of orchids
- Rieger Begonias
- Gerbera
- Bromeliads
- Kalanchoe
- Cineraria



(Greenhouse Services - Flower Arrangement)

Flowerbed Maintenance:

A total of 60,000 annuals, perennials and wildflowers were grown to accommodate the requirements in Wascana Centre. The annual flowerbeds at the bandstand were designed for a more pleasing and effective layout. The public feedback was positive toward the new re-design of these beds. The formal perennial flowerbeds were re-designed with implementation to take place over a two to three year program. The overall square footage was reduced to facilitate a more manageable maintenance program.



(New flowerbeds at Bandstand)

The three major events were the Scott Tournament of Hearts displays (Feb. 18-Mar 1/99), the 1998 Canadian Public Personnel Management Association (CPPMA) National Conference and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference (July 3-9/98). The following is a list of additional events that required greenhouse services:

- Gift Announcement to the University of Regina - University Centre
- Western Canadian Youth Parliament
- MacKenzie Art Gallery Reception
- Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology - 25th Anniversary Gala
- Lieutenant Governor's Functions

The 1998/99 fiscal year saw a record number of events that required our greenhouse services. There were a total of 122 requests for greenhouse services.



(Flower maintenance - annuals & perennials)

- New Year's Levee - Government House
- University of Regina Spring and Fall Convocations
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Dinner
- Distinguished Canadian Award Dinner
- University of Regina - Extension Certificate Program
- Luther College - Graduation Closing Ceremonies
- University of Regina - Retirement and Long Service Recognition Tea
- Premier of Saskatchewan Sponsored Luncheons and Dinners
- Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology Annual Commencement Ceremony
- Luther College - Luther Lecture
- Association of Urban Parks and Conservation Agencies (ASUPCA) displays
- Government of Saskatchewan - Long Service Recognition Dinners
- Scott Tournament of Hearts Reception
- Wascana Centre Authority functions
- Saskatchewan Volunteer's Medal Dinner
- Legislative House Openings
- Corrections Exemplary Award Presentation Luncheon
- Hire a Student Youth Achievement Awards
- University of Regina - Heritage & Hope Symposium
- Human Resources of Canada for Students - Youth Achievement Awards
- Canada Day Displays
- University of Regina - Picnic for Don and Deb Wells
- Regina Public School Board - farewell reception for retiring Director of Education
- Saskatchewan - Literacy Award Presentation
- Saskatchewan - Order of Merit Dinner
- Regina School Board - Opening Exercises for School Division



(Flower maintenance - annuals & perennials)

Nursery:

Nursery management consists of planning nursery plant locations, planting and watering of trees and shrubs for replacement and new plant programs, tree pruning, insect, disease and weed control strategies. Rabbit damage occurred on the Crabs, Russian Olive, Bur Oak, Willow and American Linden.

Notable species lined out in the nursery in the 1998 planting program were as follows:

- Poplar "Prairie Sky"
- Mongolian Linden
- Norlane Linden
- American Mountain Ash
- Russian Mountain Ash
- French Hybrid Lilacs - variety "Charles Joli" and "Katherine Havemeyer"
- Pincherry
- Mockorange - "Minnesota Snoflake"
- Toba Hawthorn
- Pear "Early Gold"
- Ohio Buckeye
- Silver leaf Willow
- Laurel-leaf Willow



(Nursery)

Five Year Development Plan

(Ken Deckman - Director of Operations)

The 1998-99 Development Program is the first year of the Authority's Five Year Development Plan, 1998-2002. The plan identifies specific projects that the Authority wishes to undertake within the next five year period. In many cases the projects identified for inclusion in the plan are those projects distinguished in the Authority's Master Plan. The Five Year Plan ensures a sound, efficient and consistent approach to the utilization of the Authority's capital funds.

The plan identifies the need to undertake the following projects:

- Improve the landscape associated with the Diefenbaker Homestead.
- Design and implement a final landscape resolution to the Old Broad Street Abutment.
- Additional phasing of the Wascana Bikeway. This project will require a similar commitment from the City of Regina for that portion of the proposed work which falls on city property outside the boundaries of the Centre.
- An enhancement to the Authority's irrigation pumphouses to replace aging equipment and to make the systems more flexible and efficient.
- Renovation and repair of the upper Wascana Lake Boardwalk located between the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts and the University of Regina main campus.



(Wascana Bikeway looking from Trans Canada bypass to the main campus of the University of Regina)

Current Development Program

(Ken Dockham - Director of Operations)

The *Wascana Centre Act* requires the Authority to spend not less than \$375,000 annually for landscape construction and service facility construction and restoration of certain service facilities. The Authority was able to meet this requirement in 1998-99 although no outside grants were obtained to supplement the statutory level.

- The Trafalgar Overlook Landscape Phase III project was approved for 1998-99 construction with a budget of \$83,000. This was intended as the highlight of the 1998-99 Development Program. The proposed work included the establishment of a pond with a vertical aeration fountain, a footbridge, pedestrian circulation and landscape. The contiguous elevated walkway known as "Trafalgar Overlook" was established as Phase I in 1989. The pond would directly connect with Wascana Lake. The project would facilitate both winter and summer recreation opportunities including family skating on the frozen pond. This project illustrates a significant and relatively inexpensive public use initiative that has been phased in over an extended period in order to complete. Over ten years will have elapsed from the overall project inception to when it can be delivered to its users.

Unfortunately the 1998-99 project was never started. Late in 1998 the Authority directed that \$80,000 of the project budget be transferred to the Internally Restricted Funds Account to partially fund a new, higher priority project entitled "Wascana Lake Deepening". This new initiative grew from a multitude of recent studies and committee activities involving Wascana Lake on top of a growing public pressure to see something positive physically happen with the lake. Ultimately, Clifton & Associated Ltd., of Regina and Saskatoon, were retained to develop a lake deepening implementation strategy for the lower (west) pond.

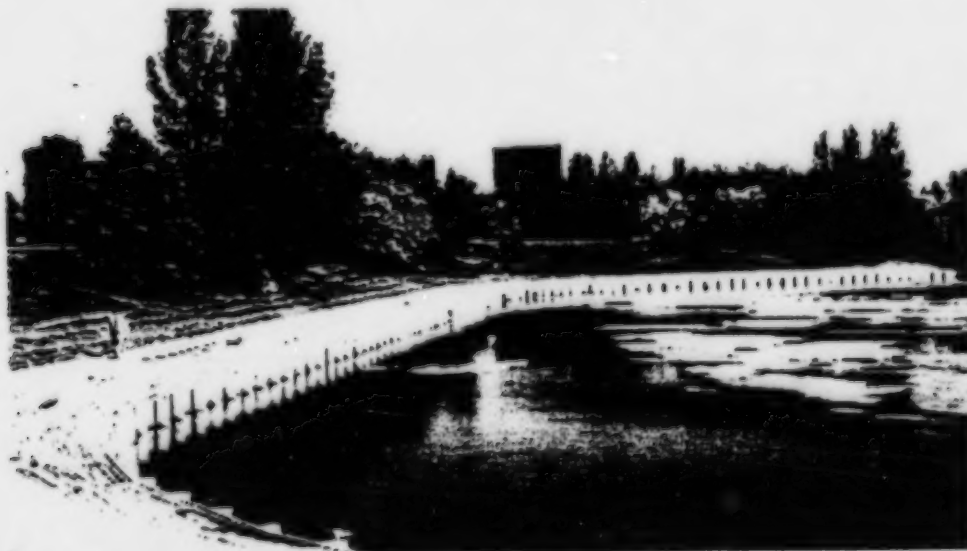
- As typical with recent development programs, \$30,000 was transferred to the Authority's Internally Restricted Funds Account to provide funding reserves for Waterfowl Park, fine art, and the Authority's master plan.
- 1998-99 provided for the capital planting of trees and shrubs throughout the Centre through specific forestation and restoration programs.
- Lakeshore Drive saw a significant improvement to its landscape contiguous to Wascana Lake, starting near the Lakeshore Tennis Club facility and ending at the Legislative Landing directly north of the Legislative Building. The ground surface was converted from salt contaminated soil and sod remnants to a clean sand representative of beaches associated with many of the provincial lakes. The inorganic surface cover was selected after extensive testing of optional materials including salt tolerant vegetative species. The improvement has been well received by members of the public. Plans were later prepared to outline how native, salt tolerant herbaceous and shrubby plants could be incorporated into the overall beach edge. As a result, raised planting beds were constructed and many of the plant materials established.
- The Development Program has, for a number of years, funded projects which were not of a capital nature but of a maintenance nature, clearly not the original intent of the program. As in the past, these projects have been lumped together into a sub program termed "Infrastructure Maintenance Program". The budget for this sub program was \$53,000 and funded a number of infrastructure repairs on those properties which make Wascana Centre, the 'Centre' or 'park'. For example, asphalt overlays were completed along Wascana Drive, a public scenic byway which traverses a variety of lands owned by different participants of the Authority. As well, this year's program funded the stripping and repainting of approximately 100 of the well known globe or 'lollipop' light poles along Wascana Drive.

Park Promenade along the north shore of Wascana Lake. This project was opened for general use in the spring and too, was very well received by the public. The 1998-99 funding level for this project which started in 1997-98, allowed for additional site amenities to be established including the landscape of the tour boat landing. Landscaping consisted of tree and shrub planting, waste containers, multi-head light standards, handrails, and the mulching of the planting beds. Final tree and shrub planting, benches, and turf establishment will occur in the 1999-2000 program.



(Promenade along north shore of Wascana Lake)

- In anticipation of the 1999-2000 Development Program, funds were provided for the Authority's staff to investigate the declining condition of the upper lake boardwalk promenade falling between the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts and the University of Regina main campus.



(Lake edge boardwalk)

Wascana Centre Master Plan

(Ken Dockham - Director of Operations)

The Wascana Centre Act stipulates that building and landscape development should be in conformity with a Master Plan prepared and updated by an Architect Planner. The purpose of the Plan is to coordinate the character, siting, access and landscape setting of facilities within Wascana Centre. The Plan identifies the existing facilities and landscape which are to remain and sets out known development intentions for future use.

It also establishes the overall image and character of the Centre, general organization of uses and movement systems, intentions for specific land units, maintenance strategies, priorities for implementation, and proposes approaches to planning issues that are beyond the Centre's sole jurisdiction.

All proposed projects within the boundaries of Wascana Centre are tested against the intent of the Master Plan.

The Master Plan is formally reviewed in public every seven years. At that time, completed projects and amendments made during the previous planning period are incorporated into the Plan. The current Master Plan is the *1992 Wascana Centre Master Plan*. The next Plan to be approved will be the *1999 Wascana Centre Master Plan*.

Because the preparation of the Master Plan is a lengthy process involving a very deliberate and strong representation by the participants to the Authority as well as the public, the Plan is initiated early.

The impetus of the *1999 Wascana Centre Master Plan* started in late 1997, however a majority of the work involved occurred during the 1998-99 period.

The Master Plan will be prepared according to the Act by the Authority's Architect Planner.

The Authority's Director of Operations is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Master Plan.

Occupational Health

(Grant Gilliss - Superintendent of Engineering)

The Occupational Health and Safety Committee met five times during the year to resolve safety concerns identified by the staff. The committee dealt with 19 safety matters and carried three items over to the 1998-99 fiscal year as unresolved. The committee reports directly to the Executive Director, with membership as follows:

- Mr. A.G. Gilliss - Co-Chairman
representing management
- Mr. J. McCabe - Co-Chairman
representing workers
- Mr. R. Ball - Secretary
representing workers
- Mr. R.H. Carr
representing management
- Mr. E. Kolish
representing workers
- Mrs. D. Lenko
representing workers

Authority staff reported eight injuries to Workers' Compensation Board. Half of the injuries did not result in a time loss claim.

The Risk Management Plan was continued by holding regular meetings of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee, providing light duties to injured workers, including two workers who suffered serious injuries due to a fall in 1996.

Police Services

(Don Pho - Director of Administrative Services)

Wascana Centre Authority operated a park police force consisting of one seasonal and three year-round constables. During the year 1,454 parking tickets and 537 citations were issued. All citations relate to Wascana Centre and City of Regina bylaws, federal, provincial and municipal statutes and criminal code offences. 41 incident reports were written by the officers, involving 13 property crimes and 12 provincial statutes.

As the number of personnel in the Authority force diminished, the Regina Police Service has of necessity become more involved in policing in Wascana Centre. The City Police Constables have also issued 89 citations and written up 255 incident reports for matters occurring within the boundaries of the Centre.

Waterfowl Park & Display Ponds

(Bob Ewart - Engineering Technician/Naturalist)

Canada Goose Flock:

A nest count taken May 4 and 5 discovered 403 nests. This is similar to recent years but with an average of only 4.6 eggs per nest, less eggs were counted.

Each year, in an effort to reduce the impact of goose grazing on the turfed areas, as many birds as can be rounded up are moved out of the city. On June 30 over 1,300 Canada Geese were moved to Cumberland House. This was the most successful roundup since 1988.

During the summer of 1998 maintenance was provided by one seasonal staff member. The number of Play Schools and Day Cares requiring tour assistance was up and kept staff occupied. Visitation to the Display Ponds continues at above 10,000 visitors through the summer. Retrieving ducklings from duck nests throughout the city takes up many hours of time in June and July because we are the only agency in the city who will answer these calls.

Moose Jaw donated two Mute Swans to the Display Ponds because of crowding at their facility. With the addition of a Trumpeter Swan from the University of Alberta, there is a very nice selection of waterfowl for visitors to observe.

Wood Ducks continue to return and nest. Five nests were found with an average of 12 eggs. Immature Wood Duck ducklings were observed on Wascana Lake throughout the summer.

Sept 28 saw the appearance of a Prothonotary Warbler in the Display Ponds which stayed around for two weeks on its migration south. This was only the second recorded for Regina and attracted about 200 visitors to the area. Visitors came from Saskatoon, Weyburn, Quill Lake and locally.

Vandals in the Display Ponds on Oct 15-16 damaged one of the bridges and killed a pelican. The Display Pond Area was then closed for the season and the birds rounded up and taken to the Overwintering Structure.

The captive bird flock consists of :
Trumpeter Swan (1), Tundra Swan (1),
Mute Swans (2), American White Pelicans (3), Canada
Geese - injured and unable to fly (10), Snow Geese (18)
and Ducks (4).

For the third winter in a row no Canada Geese used Wascana Lake as a roosting location and therefore no winter feeding of the wild flock was required. It is hoped that this is now a permanent occurrence. Approximately 7,000 geese stayed on the lake until Nov. 11, when a cold night froze over most of the water. The last of the geese departed on Dec. 4, when the lake froze over completely.



(Prothonotary Warbler)

General Attractions and Special Days

(Irene Pisula - Personnel & Public Relations Officer)

The Authority is not mandated to program activities or events but facilitates many festivals and celebrations by providing site services. A staff member often acts as a liaison on volunteer committees.

General Attractions:

MAY 10 TO SEPTEMBER 1	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Diefenbaker Homestead	8790	7801	8820	7670	7084
Guide Service - Charter Tours	67	22	36	105	110
Willow Island Picnic Area	3058	2915	3886	4100	4306
Ferry Boat Tours/Shuttle Service	357	211	234	454	1885
Wascana Place		9833	10551	9680	7896
Display Ponds (May 1 to October 31)			11174	15622	18253
Gift Shop (April 1 to March 31)	12790	13537	10733	10450	10169

Special Days:

Special events included: Bazaar, Teddy Bear B*A*S*H, Festival of Ancient Technology, Canada Day, Pile O' Bones Sunday, Wascana Children's Day, Dragon Boat Festival and Waskimo.

Wascana Centre is also the site for many walks/runs/rides sponsored by local charitable organizations.



(Dragon Boat Festival)

Cultural Events

Wascana Bandstand:

The following bands appeared at the bandstand through the summer of 1998:

- *Nordiska* - Scandinavian dance troupe
- *Michel Marchildon* - Fransaskois singer and songwriter
- *Stationary Parade Unit* - jazz
- *The Guests* - acoustic pop, vocal and guitar
- *Mystic Traveller* - medieval sounds and images with electronic harmonies
- *Joel Fafard* - singer/songwriter, modern, contemporary, blues
- *Misty Blue Band* - country and rock
- *May B Ted* - rock and roll
- *Source Unknown* - described as "skafunkadelic"
- *Celtic Clutter* - Celtic and Saskatchewan folk music
- *Tex Pistols* - retro-country
- *Misdemeanor* - jazz
- *Squeeze of Scotch* - Scottish ballads & bagpipes
- *Rebound* - classic rock and current country
- *Crazy Feat* - classic rock and rhythm & blues



(Wascana Children's Day)

joe moran gallery:

The following artists had showings in the joe moran gallery in the 1998/99 fiscal period:

- Marcia Frid (April/May) ink paintings
- Jeanne Elliott (May/June) sculptures & watercolour
- Bruce Reitler & Candice Sotropa (July/Aug) ceramics and quilting
- Shannon Colbow (Aug/Sept) pencil and watercolour
- Tanya Fritzier (Oct/Nov) wildlife artist
- Marlene Karpa (Nov/Dec) watercolour paintings

Wascana Gift Shop:

Gift Shop attendance continues to decline but total revenue was 10.8% higher than budget. The gift shop specializes in Saskatchewan art and has 188 artists registered.

Wascana Chimes:

The Regina Bell Ringers played the Wascana Chimes on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer.

Partnerships

(Irene Pisula - Personnel & Public Relations Officer)

- Wascana Centre is a partner in the Museums Network to jointly promote the Centre and specifically the Diefenbaker Homestead.
- Wascana Centre continued to offer two free picnics for 12 on Willow Island. Two contests were held. They were very popular and saw many entries in the months of July and August.
- ASUPCA - Association of Saskatchewan Urban Parks and Conservation Agencies, is a partnership with Meewasin Valley Authority in Saskatoon, Wakamow Valley Authority in Moose Jaw, Tatagwa Parkway in Weyburn, Chinook Parkway in Swift Current and the Battleford River Valley in North Battleford, that develops and delivers programs to promote culture, recreation and conservation.
- Canadian Capital Cities Organization:
In 1993 a conference was organized in Ottawa by the National Capital Commission to which representatives of Provincial and Territorial Governments, Municipal Governments of Capital Cities and Capital Commission like agencies from across Canada were invited. The purpose of the conference was to share matters which make capital cities unique and to explore the idea of creating an organization of capital cities.

From this beginning the Canadian Capital Cities Organization was incorporated. Wascana Centre, City of Regina and Government of Saskatchewan have been involved since its inception.

In 1998-99 the activity book about Canada's capital cities entitled "The Cyber Pal Pursuit", was printed in French and English and distributed in Regina. A website called Grass Roots Cyber Pal Internet Adventure was placed on School Net and Regina initiated the site through partner schools. The web site and book complement each other. The capital cities banner program was continued and banners were displayed in 1998. A family exchange program involving capital cities across Canada was organized for July 1, 1998. Five Capital Cities were involved in the program which saw thirteen families, one from each province visit the five capital Cities. Wascana Centre was involved in all of these programs as well as the Capital Connections Project, which will involve landscape as well as furniture supplied by the National Capital Commission being located on a specially designated site.

New Programs

- **Ferry Boat Shuttle Service**

A shuttle service from the Legislative Landing on the south shore to the Bandstand Landing on the north shore was implemented for the first time on Canada Day. Rides were 50c each. The shuttle service was also offered on Pile O' Bones day.

- **Avro Arrow Travelling Display**

The Diefenbaker Centre in Saskatoon sent a travelling exhibit for display in the Lecture Theatre in Wascana Place. The exhibit told the story of the Avro aircraft and was on display from June to September.

- **Lantern Festival**

The Globe Theatre and Regina Symphony held the Lantern festival in August. Lantern making and dance workshops concluded on Saturday. A lantern parade was held at dusk and a performance by the Regina Symphony playing from the ferry boat on Wascana Lake concluded a magical evening. Attendance at the first time event exceeded all expectations.



(Ferry Boat Shuttle Service)

Donor Recognition

The following donors and gifts are recognized:

Janet Auser	\$ 60.00
Gail Bailey	\$1,554.00
Wilma Dueck	\$ 132.30
Brenda Dybvig	\$ 336.18
Karen Faucher	\$ 258.50
Ann Marie	\$1,020.00
Hugh McLaughlan	\$ 394.63
Lee Miller	\$ 808.00
Dave Stang	\$ 842.25
Creative House Studios	\$ 100.00

Wascana Centre Authority

Financial Statements

March 31, 1999



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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participating Parties of Wascana Centre Authority:

We have audited the statement of financial position of Wascana Centre Authority as at March 31, 1999, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as at March 31, 1999, and the results of its operations and the changes in its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants

Regina, Canada

May 28, 1999



WASCANA CENTRE AUTHORITY

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 1999, with comparative figures for 1998

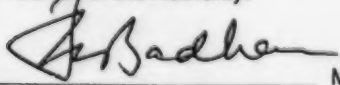
	1999	1998
Assets		
Current:		
Cash and term deposits	\$ 971,781	708,119
Accounts receivable	50,669	73,916
Inventory	3,589	4,029
Prepaid expenses	10,399	17,586
	1,036,438	803,650
Capital assets (note 3)	3,283,116	3,285,626
	\$ 4,319,554	4,089,276

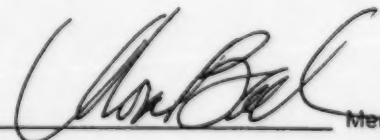
Liabilities and Participating Parties' Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 321,386	278,706
Early retirement benefits payable (note 4)	22,400	25,200
Contractual deposits	7,077	7,077
Deferred revenue	129,223	2,435
	480,086	313,418
Early retirement benefits payable (note 4)	77,150	99,550
Deferred contributions (note 5)	113,222	-
Participating Parties' net assets:		
Invested in capital assets (note 6)	3,283,116	3,285,626
Internally restricted (note 7)	365,980	390,682
Unrestricted	-	-
	3,649,096	3,676,308
Commitments and contingencies (note 9)		
	\$ 4,319,554	4,089,276

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Authority:


Member


Member

WASCANA CENTRE AUTHORITY

Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 1999, with comparative figures for 1998

	1999	1998
Revenue:		
Government of Saskatchewan		
Statutory grant	\$ 719,278	907,004
Maintenance grant	1,840,000	1,649,000
City of Regina		
Statutory grant	392,033	494,429
Maintenance grant	767,000	690,000
University of Regina		
Statutory grant	196,017	247,215
Maintenance grant	280,000	249,000
Other operating revenue	263,100	244,920
	<u>4,457,428</u>	<u>4,481,568</u>
Expenses:		
Landscape construction	261,778	584,405
Landscape maintenance	987,479	942,740
Service maintenance	670,392	649,030
Indirect costs	1,157,612	1,085,309
Specialized service	993,639	955,135
Amortization	362,109	370,964
Other expenses (note 7)	51,631	21,140
	<u>4,484,640</u>	<u>4,608,723</u>
Excess of expenses over revenue	\$ (27,212)	(127,155)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 1999, with comparative figures for 1998

	Total				
	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	1999	1998
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,285,626	390,682	-	3,676,308	3,803,463
Excess of expenses over revenue	(362,109)	-	334,897	(27,212)	(127,155)
Net change in investment in capital assets (note 6)	359,599	-	(359,599)	-	-
Transfer to unrestricted net assets (note 7)	-	(51,631)	51,631	-	-
Internally imposed restrictions (note 7)	-	26,929	(26,929)	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 3,283,116	365,980	-	3,649,096	3,676,308

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 1999, with comparative figures for 1998

	1999	1998
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Excess of expenses over revenue	\$ (27,212)	(127,155)
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization	362,109	370,964
Gain on sale of capital assets	(12,943)	(11,271)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	23,247	(21,344)
Decrease in inventory	440	1,614
Decrease in prepaid expenses	7,187	6,510
Increase in accounts payable	42,680	56,714
Decrease in early retirement benefits payable	(25,200)	(33,600)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	126,788	(113,065)
Increase (decrease) in deferred contributions	113,222	(228,098)
	610,318	(98,731)
Financing activities:		
Purchase of capital assets (note 6)	(387,705)	(201,718)
Proceeds on sale of capital assets	41,049	12,210
	(346,656)	(189,508)
Increase (decrease) in cash and term deposits	263,662	(288,239)
Cash and term deposits, beginning of year	708,119	996,358
Cash and term deposits, end of year	\$ 971,781	708,119

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

March 31, 1999

1. Description of operations:

On April 1, 1962, *The Wascana Centre Act* (the "Act") was passed unanimously by the Saskatchewan Legislature. By this Act, the Wascana Centre Authority (the "Authority") was established as a statutory corporate body for the operation of Wascana Centre (the "Centre"). The Government of Saskatchewan (the "Government"), the City of Regina (the "City") and the University of Regina (the "University"), usually referred to as "Participating Parties", became partners in the Wascana Centre Authority.

Under the powers of the Act, the Authority establishes a master plan for the Centre and ensures all developments are consistent with the plan; approves all exterior improvements including building, service facility and landscape improvements; establishes bylaws; provides special services; undertakes landscape construction and maintains the grounds within the boundaries of the Centre.

The Authority is a registered charity within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and is exempt from income taxes.

The Authority is economically dependent upon the Participating Parties and is financed as follows:

Statutory grant:

These funds are provided for in Section 53 of the Act, on the shared basis of 55% by the Government, 30% by the City and 15% by the University and are based on a mill-rate formula, providing the necessary funding for the administrative and general operating expenses of the Authority, as well as capital expenditures on lands located within the Centre, the title for which is held in the name of the Authority. The Act also provides that no less than \$375,000 of this amount be directed towards landscape construction and service facility construction and restoration on Authority-owned land, and service facility construction on land of a Participating Party when the service facility construction is deemed to be of mutual benefit to the three Participating Parties, pursuant to Section 30 of the Act.

Operating grants:

Beyond the statutory contribution, operating grants are also provided by each of the Participating Parties based on land ownership.

To maintain uniformity throughout the Centre, unit operating costs are established pursuant to Section 37 of the Act, and applied as standards for landscape and service maintenance. This ensures that each of the Participating Parties pays its fair share of operating costs for lands located within the Authority, the title for which is held by the respective Participating Parties.

Developments such as buildings, roadways and landscaped areas are the responsibility of the landowner holding title to such developments.

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2. Significant accounting policies:

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Revenue recognition:

The Authority follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions which include government grants and donations. Where a portion of a grant relates to a future period, it is deferred and recognized in the subsequent period.

Revenue from fees, contracts and sales of goods and services is recognized when the services are provided or the goods are sold.

Capital assets:

Purchased assets are recorded at cost. Capital assets originally contributed by the Participating Parties at incorporation have been recorded at a nominal value of \$1. All landscape construction costs and normal maintenance and repair expenditures are expensed as incurred.

Amortization is provided on the straight-line basis over the following periods:

Buildings	20 years
Equipment	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 8 years
Office furniture	10 years

Contractual deposits:

The Authority holds funds from the Government on deposit to cover the costs of various projects as agreed to by the Participating Parties.

Landscape construction:

In accordance with the Act, specifically designated expenditures that are incurred for landscape construction on public land and construction of service facilities on Authority land or on land of a Participating Party are expensed.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued):

Measurement uncertainty:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Capital assets:

	1999		1998	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Assets from Participating Parties : \$	1	-	1	1
Land	1,669,895	-	1,669,895	1,669,895
Buildings	3,885,468	3,096,833	788,635	977,779
Equipment	1,871,937	1,254,273	617,664	455,666
Vehicles	412,092	250,311	161,781	139,538
Office furniture	184,497	139,357	45,140	42,747
	\$ 8,023,890	4,740,774	3,283,116	3,285,626

4. Early retirement benefits payable:

Amounts owing under an early retirement program are as follows:

	1999	1998
Bridge benefits payable to early retirees until year 2008	\$ 99,550	124,750
Less: current portion	22,400	25,200
Long-term portion	\$ 77,150	99,550

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4. Early retirement benefits payable (cont'd):

Estimated payments are as follows:

2000	22,400
2001	16,800
2002	16,800
2003	15,050
2004	9,800
Thereafter	18,700

5. Deferred contributions:

Deferred contributions related to expenses of future periods represent unspent statutory grants for landscape construction as defined in the Act and described in note 1.

	1999	1998
Balance, beginning of year	\$ -	228,098
Add amounts received during the year	375,000	375,000
Less amounts recognized as revenue during the year	(261,778)	(603,098)
Balance, end of year	\$ 113,222	-

6. Investment in capital assets:

Investment in capital assets is calculated as follows:

	1999	1998
Capital assets, beginning of year	\$ 3,285,626	3,455,811
Purchase of capital assets	387,705	201,718
Net book value of capital assets disposed	(28,106)	(939)
Amortization of capital assets	(362,109)	(370,964)
Capital assets, end of year	\$ 3,283,116	3,285,626

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6. Investment in capital assets (cont'd):

Change in net assets invested in capital assets is calculated as follows:

	1999	1998
Excess of expenses over revenue:		
Amortization of capital assets	\$ (362,109)	(370,964)
	\$ (362,109)	(370,964)
Net change in investment in capital assets:		
Purchase of capital assets	\$ 387,705	201,718
Net book value of capital assets disposed	(28,106)	(939)
	\$ 359,599	200,779

7. Internally restricted net assets:

The Participating Parties of the Authority have internally restricted amounts from unrestricted net assets for expenditures relating to special administrative and operating requirements and other projects as identified and approved by the Authority.

The internally restricted amounts are not available for other purposes without approval by the Participating Parties. During the year, \$51,631 (1998 - \$21,140) was transferred to unrestricted net assets and \$26,929 (1998 - \$206,100) was transferred from unrestricted net assets.

	1999	1998
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 390,682	205,722
Transfers to unrestricted net assets		
Master Plan review	(29,288)	(2,891)
Infrastructure	(14,138)	(933)
Lake sediment study	(8,205)	(2,142)
Administrative projects	-	(14,300)
Fine arts projects	-	(874)
	(51,631)	(21,140)
Transfer from unrestricted net assets	26,929	206,100
Balance, end of year	\$ 365,980	390,682

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8. Related-party transactions:

Included in these financial statements are expenditures resulting from routine operating transactions with various agencies and departments of the Participating Parties.

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are recorded at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties. The Authority had the following transactions with related parties:

	1999	1998
Expenses:		
Landscape construction	\$ 11,670	-
Landscape maintenance	275	140
Service maintenance	145,050	170,368
Indirect costs	122,681	145,533
Specialized services	50,930	36,291
Amounts not specifically disclosed in the balance sheet:		
Accounts receivable	\$ 20,824	24,105
Prepaid expenses	7,060	15,093
Accounts payable	50,258	27,005
Contractual deposits	4,293	4,293
Deferred revenue	129,223	2,435

During the year, the Authority incurred expenses of \$280,952 (1998 - \$250,477) for services provided to the Participating Parties and outside agencies on a contractual basis that were fully recovered from the Participating Parties and outside agencies.

9. Commitments and contingencies:

The Authority has been named as a Defendant in certain lawsuits. In the opinion of management, these matters will not materially impact the Authority's present or future financial operations, and no provision has been made for them in the accounts. Should any loss result from the resolution of these claims, it will be accounted for in the year of settlement.

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10. Uncertainty due to the Year 2000:

The Year 2000 Issue arises because many computerized systems use two digits rather than four to identify a year. Date-sensitive systems may recognize the year 2000 as 1900 or some other date, resulting in errors when information using year 2000 dates is processed. In addition, similar problems may arise in some systems which use certain dates in 1999 to represent something other than a date. The effects of the Year 2000 Issue may be experienced before, on, or after January 1, 2000, and, if not addressed, the impact on operations and financial reporting may range from minor errors to significant systems failure which could affect an entity's ability to conduct normal business operations. It is not possible to be certain that all aspects of the Year 2000 Issue affecting the entity, including those related to the efforts of customers, suppliers, or other third parties, will be fully resolved.

11. Comparative Figures:

Certain of the 1998 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.